जोकि खनिज क्षेत्र के तीव्र विकास के लिए सहायक होंगी, की सिफारिश करने के लिए एक अध्ययन दल गठित किया था।

अध्ययन दल ने राज्य सरकारों और अन्य संबंधितों के साथ काफी विचार विमर्श करने के बाद केन्द्र सरकार को अपनी रिपोर्ट सौंप दी है। अध्ययन दल की प्रमुख सिफारिशों में रायल्टी दरों को युक्तिसंगत बनाना और रायल्टी दरों के लिए यथामूल्य आधार की गुंजाइश का विस्तार करना शामिल है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

कोयला परियोजनाओं हेतु छूट दिया जाना

*172. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में नई कोयला परियोजनाओं और इस समय चल रही परियोजनाओं के संबंध में विदेशी ऋण, विदेशी इक्विटी या गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र के ऋण अनुपात में छूट देने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया है;

(क) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(क) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार रखती है?

कोयला मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कान्ति सिंह): (क) सरकार को किसी भी कोयला कंपनी से नयी अथवा चालू परियोजनाओं के संबंध में ऐसी छूट दिए जाने के बारे में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त (क) के उत्तर को दृष्टिगत करते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Employment to Reserved Category Perrons-

*173. SHRI *AJIT* P.K..JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) number of unemployed persons, State-wise, category-wise, sex-wise and educational qualification-wise, registered in various employment exchanges of the country during each of the last three years;

(b) number ot unemployed persons provided jobs through employment exchanges during the said period;

(c) steps taken by Government to provide employment to the unemployed persons; and

(d) whether any new initiative is being taken to give employment to the unemployed persons of the reserved categories and what action is being taken to fill up the vacancies meant for reserved category in Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The' information is contained in the Annexure *[See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 23]*

(b) The number of placements made by the Employment Exchanges during the years 1993, 1994 ard 1995 were of the order of 231.4, 204.9 and 214.9 thousands respectively.

(c) Expansion of employment opportunities, through accelerated growth of sectors and sub-sectors with high employment intensity such as agriculture, agro and rural industries, rural infrastructure, small and decentralised manufacturing sector, urban informal and services sector is a thrust area of the Eighth Plan. Now Employment Generation Schemes such as the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and the Two-Million Job-Scheme of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) have been introduced during the Eighth Plan period, besides continuing the on-going schemes like IRDP, JRY and NRV. The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme (IUPAP) has integration of employment generation with the provision of basic services to the poorer segments of the population as one of its basic features.

(d) As per the demand of the employers, the Employment Exchanges submit the list of candidates for filling up

the vacancies reserved for the reserved categories.

Memorandum regarding Khadi Industry

*174. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI JOY NADUKKARA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of persons connected with Khadi Industry has submitted a memorandum during a recent meeting with Government;

(b) if so, the salient features of this memorandum;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a demand has also been made to Government to withdraw the order by which rebate given by Government on the sale of Khadi, has been stopped;

(d) if so, whether Government have decided to consider this demand;

(e) if so, decision taken in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised in the memorandum relate to continuance of rebate scheme for Khadi, allocation of additional Rs. 100 crores to clear the back-log of rebate claims pending for payment with KVIC, reduction in the rate of interest on loans for Village Industry projects and liberal budgetary support for the KVI sector.

(c) to (f) The rebate scheme for Khadi has been continued for the year 1996-97.

Privatisation of Iron Ore Mines

*175. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:'

(a) the stand of Government on privatisation of iron ore mines of Bailadila owned by NDMC in particular and others in general;

(b) whether Government are considering any proposal for the exploration, mining and industrial use of different ore deposits of North East in general and Assam in particular;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) As per National Mineral Policy, 1993 iron ore mining was completely opened up for the private sector. Integrated steel plants of SAIL, IISCO and TISCO have captive iron ore mines. Emerging steel majors have also been seeking iron ore deposits for captive mining.

The Government accorded approval to the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) vide its letter dated 12/13.6.95 for development of Bailadila iron ore deposit 11-B in the joint venture. Based on the Government approval, N.M.D.C. had submitted its application for transfer of 11-B mining lease in favour of the joint venture company. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have recommended the proposal vide their letter dated 6.1.96 and have sought prior approval of the Central Government from the Ministry of Mines, as required under the provisions of the MMRD Act, 1957, for transfer of mining lease of Bailadila deposit 11-B in favour of the Joint Venture Company. The Ministry of Mines have approved the proposal on 21st March, 1996 subject to observance of the provisions of the MMRD Act, 1957 and Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 and also that "the State Government, the proposed joint venture company, i.e. Bailadila Mineral Development Company Limited and NMDC should arrive at a uniform and agreed set of conditions for the